Chapter 3. Child Welfare Services

IC 31-26-3-1

Rural areas and special needs areas

31-26-3-1 Sec. 1. The department shall cooperate with each county office and with the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to do the following in predominantly rural areas and other areas of special need:

- (1) Establish, extend, and strengthen public welfare services for the protection and care of dependent and delinquent children and children in need of services.
- (2) Develop and extend child welfare services.
- (3) Develop state services to assist with adequate methods of community child welfare organization.
- (4) Develop plans necessary to carry out the services under this section and to comply with the requirements of the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Health and Human Services in conformity with Title IV-B of the federal Social Security Act under 42 U.S.C. 620 et seq.

As added by P.L.145-2006, SEC.272.

IC 31-26-3-2

Application; administrative expenses

31-26-3-2 Sec. 2. (a) This section does not apply to a county office's:

- (1) administrative expenses; or
- (2) expenses regarding facilities, supplies, and equipment.
- (b) Necessary expenses incurred in the administration of the child welfare services under section 1 of this chapter shall be paid out of the county welfare fund or the county family and children's fund (whichever is appropriate).

As added by P.L.145-2006, SEC.272.

IC 31-26-3-3

State and federal aid

31-26-3-3 Sec. 3. (a) The state shall provide money to a county to assist the county in defraying the expenses incurred for child welfare services as provided in section 1 of this chapter.

- (b) The state shall provide the money under subsection (a) as follows:
 - (1) Monthly.
 - (2) Based on need.
 - (3) From money received through the federal government for the purpose described in this section.
 - (4) In an amount to be determined by the department in conformity with the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 602).

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